Coal Pipe Balance and LOI

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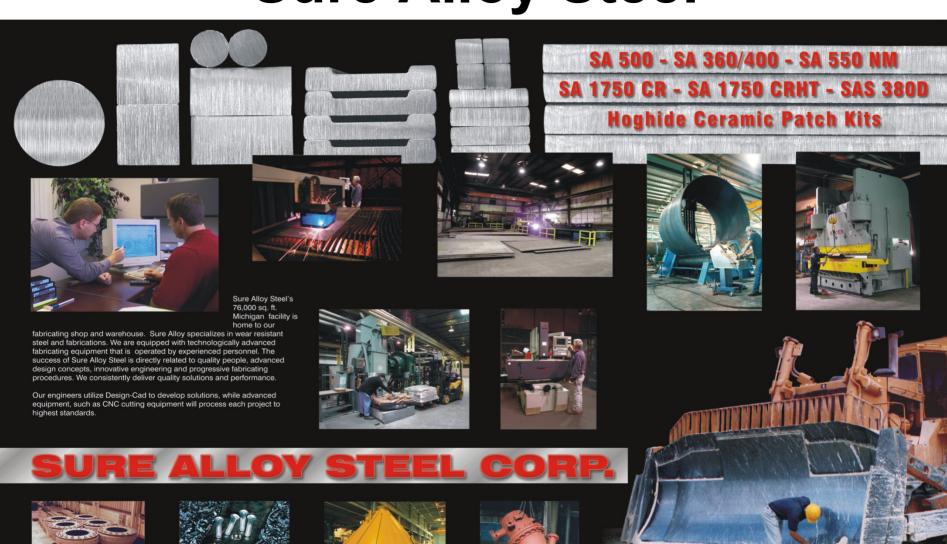
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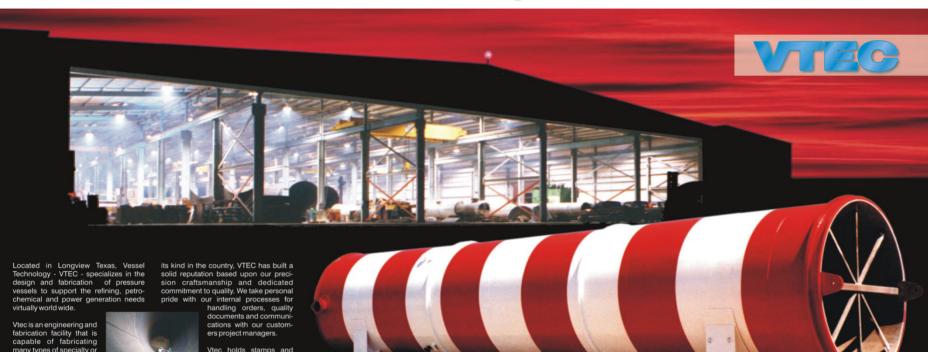
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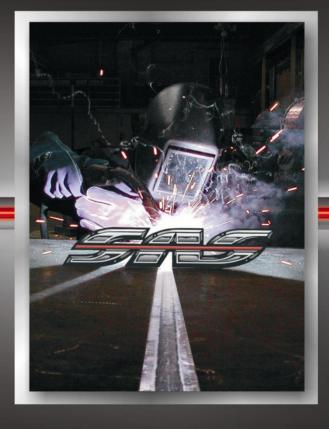
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What are the Sources of LOI

IMPROPER COAL PARTICLE SIZE
POOR FUEL PIPE BALANCE
UNEVEN DISTRIBUTION of AIR/COAL THROUGH
THE BURNER
POORLY TUNED BURNERS

Oversized Coal Particles are a source of LOI

- NOT ENOUGH SURFACE AREA FOR COMPLETE CHEMICAL REACTION OF COMBUSTION
- LACK OF RESONANCE TIME IN THE BOILER FOR LARGER COAL PARTICLES TO COMPLETE COMBUSTION

Poor Fuel Pipe Balance is a Source of LOI

- PIPES RICH IN FUEL HAVE HEAVY COAL ROPES AND GENERALLY HAVE LOWER AIRFLOWS
- HEAVY COAL ROPING IS A SOURCE FOR INCOMPLETE COMBUSTION
- PIPES HAVING HEAVIER COAL FLOW WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SECONDARY AIR AT THE BURNER
- BALANCING OF SECONDARY AIRFLOW TO COMPENSATE FOR UNEVEN COAL FLOW IS DIFFICULT TO ACCOMPLISH AND DOES NOT GUARANTEE MIXING OF THE AIR AND COAL

IMPROPER DISTRIBUTION OF AIR AND COAL THROUGH THE BURNER

- BURNER ELBOWS EITHER CREATE ROPES OR ALLOW THEM TO PASS THROUGH TO THE BURNER
- MOST BURNER ELBOWS ARE NOT ALIGNED WITH THE VERTICLE AXIS OF THE BURNER WHICH CAUSES THE ROPE TO EXIT THE BURNERS AT DIFFERENT ANGLES
- COAL ROPES PASS THROUGH THE BURNER INTO THE BOILER
- A COAL ROPE IS A SOURCE FOR INCOMPLETE COMBUSTION

Low NOx Burners operating in any of the aforementioned conditions will be more susceptible to creating LOI

SOLVING THE LOI PROBLEM

- The Source Of The LOI Needs To Be Determined
- Once The Source Has Been Determined Apply The Appropriate Solution

FIND THE SOURCE CREATING THE LOI

- PERFORM ACCURATE ISOKINETIC COAL PIPE TESTING FOR DIRTY AIR AND COAL PIPE BALANCE
- ACCUARCY OF COAL FLOWS FROM TESTING CAN BE VALIDATED BY COMPARING CAPTURED COAL FLOW (CORRECTED FOR MOISTURE LOSS) WITH THE INDICATED CONTROL ROOM COAL FLOW
- PERFORM FINENESS TEST ON COLLECTED COAL SAMPLES

ACFM TEST MACHINE

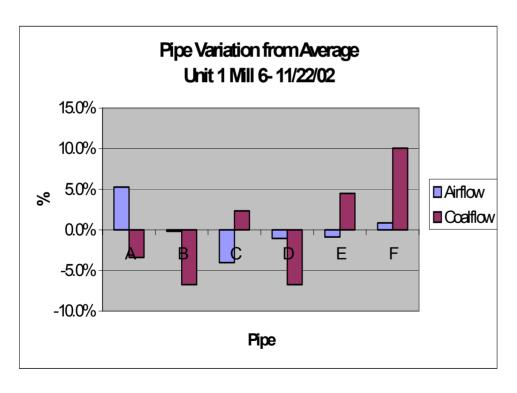
ACCURATE COAL FLOW MACHINE

- Computer Controlled to Minimize Operator Error
- Air Velocity At Each Test Point Is Recorded In The Computer
- Coal Extraction at each Point is Taken Isokinetically Based Upon Recorded Air Velocity Stored In The Computer
- Two 90 Degree Traverse Samples Are Taken From The Coal Pipe
- Collected Coal From Two
 Separate Tests Are Compared
 For Repeatability and
 Accuracy



MPS 89 COAL PIPE TEST

Pipe	Airflow	Air Balance	Coalflow	Coal Balance	Air/Coal Ratio
Α	43199	5.3%	14523	-3.4%	297
В	40974	-0.2%	14020	-6.7%	292
С	39380	-4.0%	15384	23%	2.56
D	40610	-1.0%	14020	-6.7%	290
Е	40679	-0.9%	15710	4.5%	2.59
F	41394	0.9%	16545	10.1%	250
Average	41039		15034		
Total	246237		90204		273
Max Dev		9.3%		16.8%	



Operating Data for Unit-1 Mill-6

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Coal Flowx 1000	102.2	
Capacity Sta. Output	50.50	
Feeder Spd.	78.20	
Outlet Temp.	170.00	
Hot Air Temp	350.60	
Pulv. Inches H2O	1.93	
Pulverizer Diff.	14.00	
Pulverizer Motor Amps	86.00	

Unit-1 Mill-6	Estimated Flows		
Air-dry	234636	lbs/hr	
Coal-wet	96104	lbs/hr	
A/F Ratio	244		

FINDING THE SOURCE OF THE LOI

- ANALYZE THE SOURCE OF CARBON IN THE FLY ASH
- FIRST DETERMINE THE COMPOSITE LOI PERCENTAGE BY TOTALLY BURNING OUT ALL THE CARBON IN A WEIGHED ASH SAMPLE
- NEXT BURN ALL THE CARBON OUT OF AN ASH SAMPLE WHICH HAS BEEN SCREENED THROUGH A 200 MESH SCREEN. THIS WILL DETERMINE THE FINE PARTICLE LOI PERCENTAGE
- THE RELATIONSHIP OF THESE PERCENTAGES WILL DETERMINE IF THE LOI IS FROM POOR COMBUSTION OR POOR COAL FINENESS

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS WHICH NEED TO BE IMPLEMENTED

POOR COAL FINENESS

- INSPECT PULVERIZER FOR MECHANICAL PROBLEMS
- PREFORM REQUIRED MILL MAINTENANCE
- ADJUST CLASSIFIER FOR IMPROVED FINENESS
- ADJUST AND SET PROPER GRINDING CLEARANCES
- ROLL PRESSURES MAY HAVE TO BE INCREASED FOR HARDER TO GRIND COALS

COAL ROPING AT THE BURNER

- IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ELIMINATE COAL ROPES BEFORE THEY ENTER THE BOILER
- IMPLEMENT DIFFUSION MODIFICATIONS TO BREAK UP COAL ROPES BEFORE THEY LEAVE THE BURNER TIP

COAL PIPE IMBALANCE

- THE MOST COMMON METHOD USED BY THE POWER INDUSTRY IN AN ATTEMPT TO BALANCE COAL PIPES IS AN ORIFICE
- ORIFICES ARE USED TO RESTRICT THE FLOW OF BOTH AIR AND COAL IN INDIVIDUAL PIPES

TYPES OF ORIFICES

- PLATE STYLE ORIFICE
- VENTURI STYLE ORIFICE
- ADJUSTABLE STYLE ORIFICE

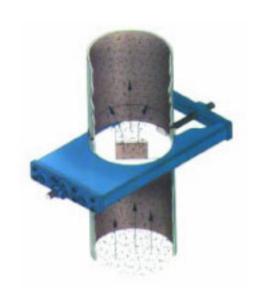
PLATE STYLE ORIFICES

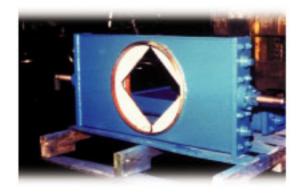


VENTURI STYLE ORIFICE



ADJUSTABLE STYLE ORIFICE





DO ORIFICES WORK?

- IT IS RARE TO SEE AIRFLOW AND COAL FLOW BALANCED BY JUST USING ORIFICES
- POWER PLANTS HAVE USED ORIFICES OF ALL TYPES FOR MANY YEARS, YET MOST STILL SUFFER FROM POOR COAL PIPE BALANCE

Problems with fixed sized Orifices

- CHANGING AN ORIFICE REQUIRES THE PULVERIZER TO BE REMOVED FROM SERVICE
- ANY CHANGE MADE TO AN ORIFICE WILL HAVE AN EFFECT ON THE COAL AND AIR BALANCE OF THE OTHER PIPES
- VERIFICATION OF COAL PIPE BALANCE CHANGES HAVE TO BE DETERMINED BY COAL PIPE TESTING

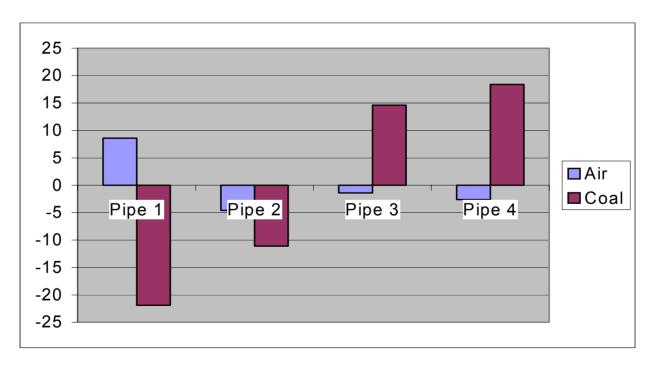
USING ADJUSTABLE ORIFICES

- ABLE TO MAKE CHANGES WHILE THE PULVERIZER IS OPERATING
- ADJUSTMENTS IN ONE PIPE WILL STILL AFFECT THE OTHER PIPES
- BALANCING BECOMES A MOVING TARGET
- TYPICAL IMPROVEMENT IN COAL BALANCE IS AT THE EXPENSE OF AIR BALANCE

Typical Coal Balance Problem

ORIFICE PIPE 4 TO BALANCE COAL

	Pipe 1	Pipe 2	Pipe 3	Pipe 4
Air	8.6	-4.6	-1.4	-2.6
Coal	-21.9	-11.1	14.6	18.4



Maximum Air Deviation
Maximum Coal Deviation

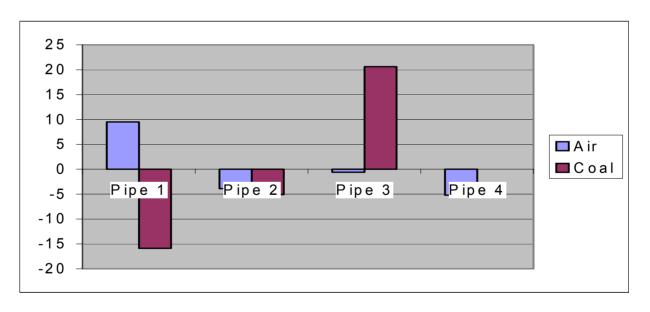
13.20% 40.30%

WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF PIPE 4 HAS A SMALLER ORIFICE **INSTALLED**

Orifice Pipe 4 to Zero Coal Deviation

Flow from Pipe 4 divided equally between other three pipes

	Pipe 1	Pipe 2	Pipe 3	Pipe 4
Air	9.5	-3.9	-0.6	-5.2
Coal	-15.9	-5.1	20.6	0



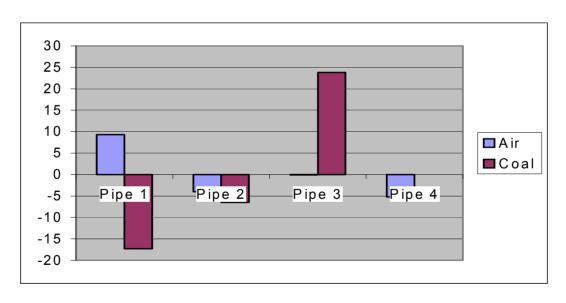
Maximum Air Deviation Maximum Coal Deviation 36.50%

14.70%

MAYBE THIS MIGHT HAPPEN ONLY TESTING WILL PROVIDE THE ANSWER

Orifice Pipe 4 to Zero Coal Deviation
1/2 of Coal and Air sent to Pipe 3
1/4 of Coal and Air sent to Pipe 1 and Pipe 2
Pipe Three Might Receive More Coal Since It was Already High

	Pipe 1	Pipe 2	Pipe 3	Pipe 4
Air	9.3	-4	-0.1	-5.2
Coal	-17.3	-6.5	23.8	0



Maximum Air Deviation

Maximum Coal Deviation

14.50% 41.10%

Common Mistakes With Orifices

- Don't waste time and money orificing for clean airflow. The final correct orifice size for dirty airflow is different than the size used to balance clean airflow
- Orifices may restrict the airflow to the point coal may lose velocity and settle out in the piping system
- Orifices may increase the system resistance of primary airflow into the pulverizer causing the mill to pyrite coal

WHAT IF THERE WAS ANOTHER WAY TO BALANCE COAL PIPES ?

THE SOURCE OF THE BALANCE PROBLEM

- IMBALANCE IS GENERATED WITHIN THE PULVERIZER
- COAL FLOWING INTO THE CLASSIFIER STARTS TO CREATE COAL ROPES
- THESE COAL ROPES CONTINUE INTO THE DISCHARGE OF THE UPPER TURRET OF THE PULVERIZER
- THE ROPES NOW ENTER THE FUEL PIPING SYSTEM

DIFFUSION TECHNOLOGY THE SOLUTION

- ADDRESSES THE PROBLEM, NOT THE SYMPTOMS
- PROMOTES HOMOGENOUS MIXTURE OF COAL AND AIR
- PATENTS AND PATENTS PENDING, SAS TECHNOLOGY

MULTI-OUTLET DIFFUSER

- DESIGNED FOR PRESSURIZED COAL MILLS WITH MULTIPLE COAL PIPES FUELING THE BOILER
- WORKS WITHIN THE UPPER TURRET SECTION OF THE PULVERIZER
- DESTROYS COAL ROPES BEFORE THEY CAN ENTER THE COAL PIPING SYSTEM
- PREVENTS COAL ROPES FROM REFORMING PRIOR TO LEAVING THE PULVERIZER
- WORKS WITHIN A WIDE RANGE OF PRESSURIZED PULVERIZERS

MULTI-OUTLET DIFFUSER IN SERVICE

CASE STUDY

- FRONT AND REAR FIRED WALL BOILER
- (3) MPS 75 PULVERIZERS EACH HAVING 6 COAL PIPES
- DYNAMIC CLASSIFERS ON EACH PULVERIZER
- 16% LOI AFTER LOW NOx BURNER RETROFIT
- ACCEPTABLE COAL FINENESS WITH 1% RETAINED ON 50 MESH AND 68% PASSING THROUGH 200 MESH
- BURNING PRIMARILY EASTERN COAL AND SYN-FUEL
- O2 AND CO MAPPING IN THE BOILER DEMONSTRATED SEVERE FUEL PIPE IMBALANCE PROBLEMS

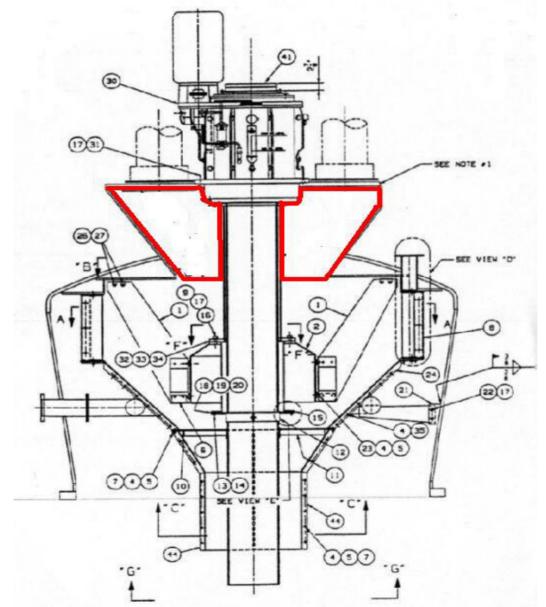
CASE STUDY

- THE POWER PLANT REPLACED ALL VENTURI FIXED ORIFICES WITH ADJUSTABLE ORIFICES.
- THE POWER PLANT ATTEMPTED TO ADJUST SECONDARY AIR FLOWS TO COMPENSATE FOR COAL PIPE IMBALANCE
- NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS TO BALANCE COAL PIPES WITH THE ADJUSTABLE ORIFICES FAILED.

CASE STUDY

- THE PLANT INSTALLED MULTI-OUTLET DIFFUSERS IN ALL THREE PULVERIZERS
- THE PLANT REINSTALLED THE VENTURI ORIFICES
- COAL PIPE BALANCE IMPROVED BY 78%
- THERE WAS A 56% REDUCTION IN LOI
- LOI WAS LOWERED from 16% TO UNDER 7%
- NOx WAS LOWERED AT THE SAME TIME

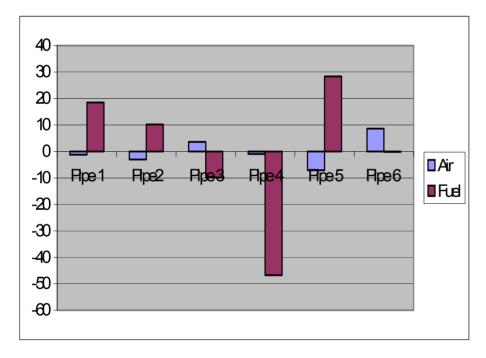
MPS 75 UPPER TURRET

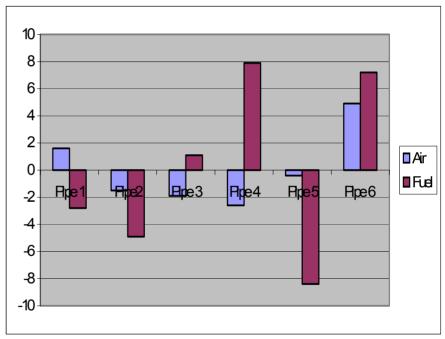


MULTI-OUTLET DIFFUSER Pre and Post Coal Pipe Balance FOR "C" Pulverizer

MPS 75 PULVERIZER

Pre Test Results					Post Test Results							
	Pipe 1	Pipe2	Pipe3	Pipe4	Pipe5	Pipe6		Pipe 1	Pipe2	Pipe3	Pipe4	Pipe5
A ir	-1.2	-3	3.6	-1	-7.1	86	A ir	1.6	-1.5	-1.9	-26	-0.4
Fuel	185	10.2	<u>-9</u> .9	-46.8	2 83	-0.2	Fuel	-28	-4 .9	1.1	7.9	-84





Pipe 6

4.9 7.2

Max AIR Deviation 1570% Max Coal Deviation 75.10%

Max Air Deviation 7.50% 16.30% Max Coal Deviation

Other Advantages of the Multi-Outlet Diffuser

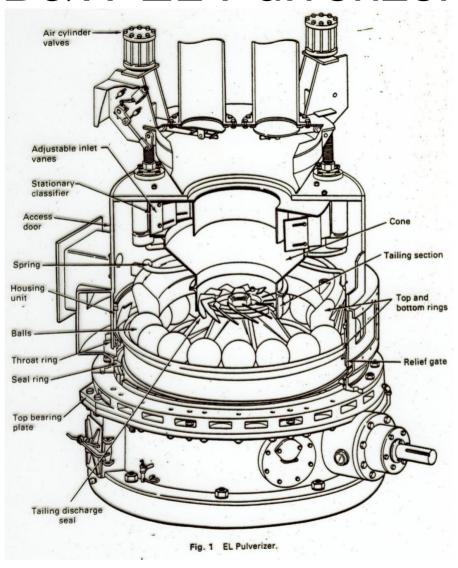
- The usage of orifices to match individual pipe resistance is much more effective with the coal evenly distributed exiting the pulverizer
- There is a substantial improvement in the air to fuel ratio balance across all of the pulverizers fuel pipes
- A balanced fuel delivery system allows for more subtle adjustments in secondary and tertiary air for precise tuning of the boiler.

OTHER DIFFUSERS

- Pre-Riffle Mixer improves the distribution of air and coal passing through a riffle. Premixing the air and coal prior to the riffle not only improves balance it may eliminate the need of a riffle element
- The In-Line Diffuser is used upstream of the burner nozzle. Stratified coal and primary air are mixed just as they enter the nozzle tip and exit into the boiler creating and ideal mixture for combustion. This diffused mixture helps many problems associated with burner performance including: flame instability/detachment, eyebrows, increased LOI, fuel impingement on boiler walls, imbalance in Co and O2, excessive slagging, and problems adjusting low NOx burners

Other examples of Multi-Outlet Diffuser Pre and Post Test Coal Pipe Balance

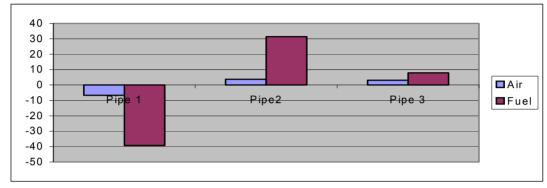
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B&W EL 56 PULVERIZER





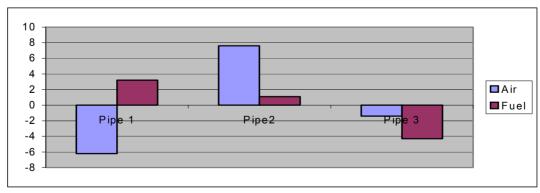


Maximum Air Deviation
Maximum Coal Deviation

10.40% 70.60%

Post Test Results

	Pipe 1	Pipe2	Pipe 3		
Air	-6.2	7.6	-1.4		
Fuel	3.2	1.1	-4.3		



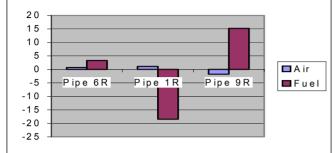
Maximum Air Deviation Maximum Coal Deviation 13.80% 7.40%

Approximately 90% improvement in Coal Balance

RILEY BALL MILL PULVERIZER

Pre Test Results





Maximum Air Deviation2.90%Maximum Coal Deviation33.70%

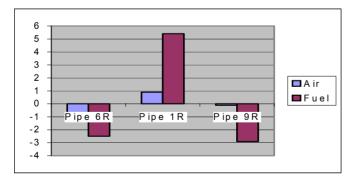
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Maximum Air Deviation
Maximum Coal Deviation

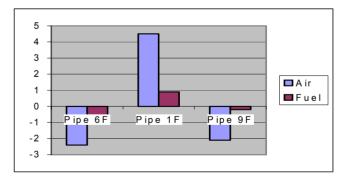
4.90% 58.20%

Post Test Results

	Pipe 6R	Pipe 1R	Pipe 9R		Pipe 6F	Pipe 1F	Pipe 9F
Air	-0.8	0.9	-0.1	Air	-2.4	4.5	-2.1
Fuel	-2.5	5.4	-2.9	Fuel	-0.7	0.9	-0.2



Maximum Air Deviation 1.70% Maximum Coal Deviation 8.30%

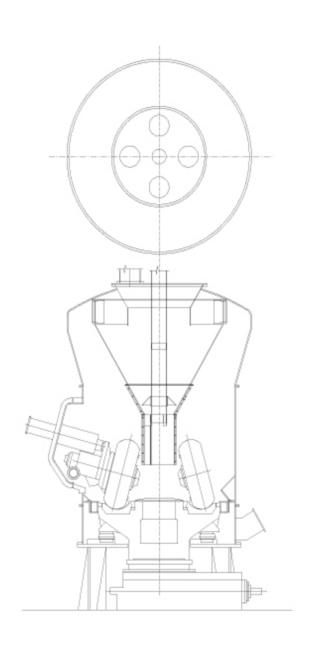


Maximum Air Deviation 6.9%
Maximum Coal Deviation 1.60%

Approximately 75% improvement in Coal Balance from one Classifier

Approximately 97% improvement in Coal Balance from the other Classifier

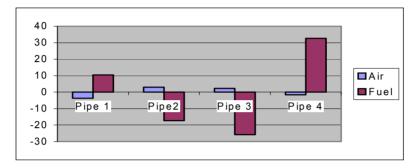
FOSTER WHEELER MBF



FOSTER WHEELER MBF23

Pre Test Results

	Pipe 1	Pipe2	Pipe 3	Pipe 4
Air	-3.7	3	2.3	-1.6
Fuel	10.4	-17.3	-25.8	32.7

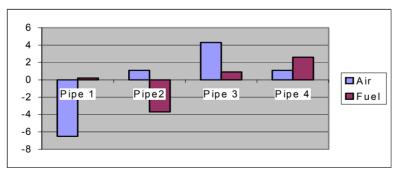


Maximum Air Deviation
Maximum Coal Deviation

6.70% 58.50%

Post Test Results

	Pipe 1	Pipe2	Pipe 3	Pipe 4
Air	-6.5	1.1	4.3	1.1
Fuel	0.2	-3.7	0.9	2.6



Maximum Air Deviation Maximum Coal Deviation 10.80% 6.30%

Approximately 90% Improvement in Coal Balance

CE HP Pulverizer

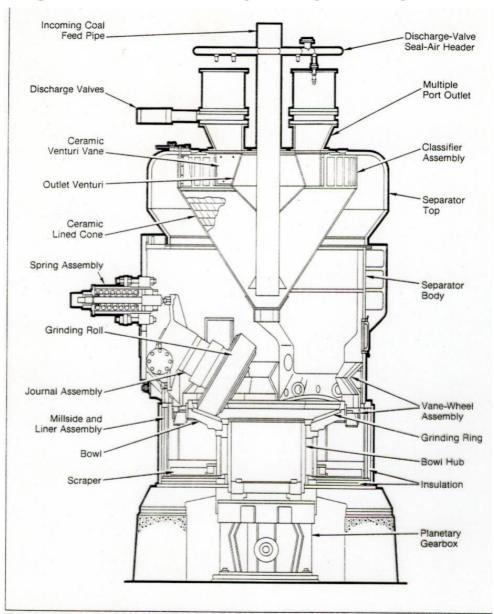
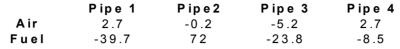
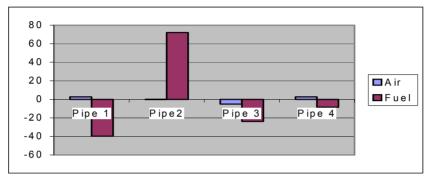


Fig. 26 C-E HP ring-roll bowl mill for positive-pressure operation

CE 863 HP PULVERIZER

Pre Test Results



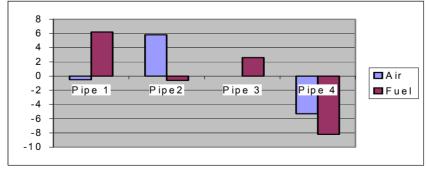


Maximum Air Deviation Maximum Coal Deviation

7.90% 111.70%

Post Test Results

	Pipe 1	Pipe2	Pipe 3	Pipe 4
Air	-0.5	5.8	0	-5.3
Fuel	6.2	-0.6	2.6	-8.2

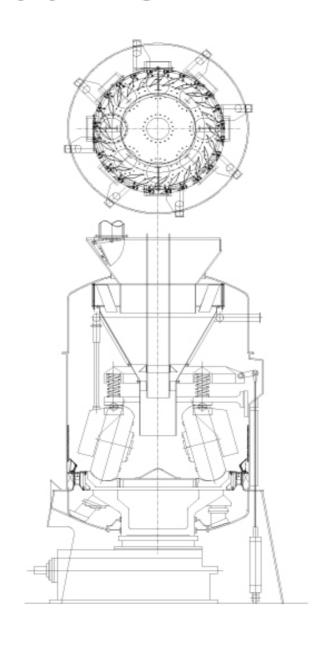


Maximum Air Deviation
Maximum Coal Deviation

11.20% 14.40%

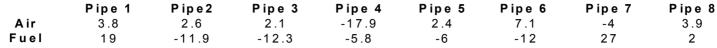
87% improvement in coal balance

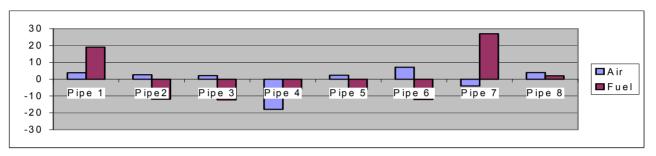
MPS 89 PULVERIZER



MPS 89 with 8 Pipes

Pre Test Results





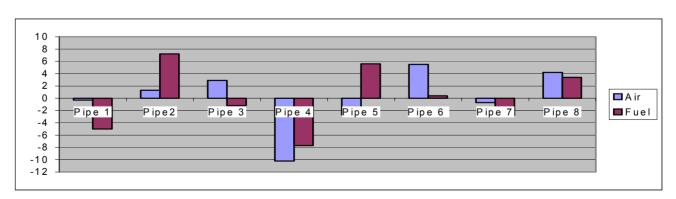
Maximum Air Deviation
Maximum Coal Deviation

25% 39.30% Opposites

5 out of 8

Post Test Results

	Pipe 1	Pipe2	Pipe 3	Pipe 4	Pipe 5	Pipe 6	Pipe 7	Pipe 8
Air	-0.3	1.3	2.9	-10.2	-2.7	5.5	-0.7	4.2
Fuel	-5	7.2	-1.2	-7.7	5.6	0.4	-2.8	3.4



Maximum Air Deviation
Maximum Coal Deviation

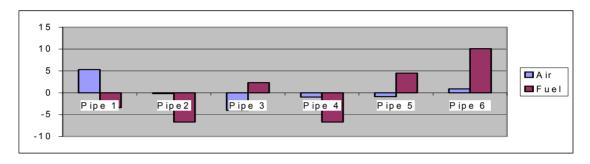
15.70% 14.90% Opposites

2 out of 8

MPS 89 with 6 Pipes

Pre Test Results

	Pipe 1	Pipe2	Pipe 3	Pipe 4	Pipe 5	Pipe 6
Air	5.3	-0.2	-4	-1	-0.9	0.9
Fuel	-3.4	-6.7	2.3	-6.7	4.5	10.1

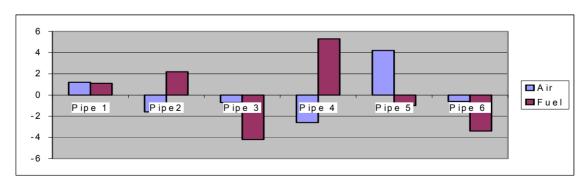


Maximum Air Deviation
Maximum Coal Deviation

9.30% 16.80%

Post Test Results

	Pipe 1	Pipe2	Pipe 3	Pipe 4	Pipe 5	Pipe 6
Air	1.2	-1.6	-0.7	-2.6	4.2	-0.6
Fuel	1.1	2.2	-4.2	5.3	-1	-3.4



Maximum Air Deviation
Maximum Coal Deviation

6.80% 9.50%

Pre and Post Air Velocity MPS 89 with 6 Pipes

